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Honorable Max Baucus
United States Senate
Attention: Elizabeth Ching
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Dear Ms. Ching:

Thank you for your April 12 letter. In the letter, you asked for information to a question raised by David Campbell. I'm very sorry, but I do not know of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program that can provide resources, e.g., funding or free medical treatment, to an individual who is suffering from an illness that his/her doctor attributes to exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace.

I assume Mr. Campbell has explored the possibility of seeking assistance from the Workers Compensation program. Also, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services may have programs that could provide assistance. The county health department should be able to provide information about possible resources. Lastly, ARCO may have assumed some health care responsibility for Anaconda Company employees at the time of its buyout of that company. Perhaps Mr. Campbell's father has some information about employee health care programs that may still be available to former Anaconda Company/ARCO employees.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (406) 457-5001.

Sincerely,

John Wardell
Director
Montana Office



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